



February 28, 2008

Mr. Kyle Murphy  
Washington State  
Department of Natural Resources  
Aquatic Resources  
P.O. Box 47027  
Olympia, WA 98504-7027

Re: Protection Island Aquatic Reserve Proposal

Dear Mr. Murphy,

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe recently learned of a proposal by People for Puget Sound (PPS) to establish an Aquatic Reserve for bedlands under the jurisdiction of Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) in the vicinity of Protection Island in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. We understand that this area was selected for Reserve designation because the bedlands and deep water habitat within its boundaries contain important kelp beds and other habitats that are vitally important to fish and wildlife in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The proposed reserve will provide a unique opportunity for research and education that may further aid in responsible resource management. Historically, Jamestown Tribal citizens have harvested shellfish and finfish from this area and these resources are vitally important to our culture and economy. We also understand that the proposed aquatic reserve will have no impact on treaty fishing rights.

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe is in support of the proposal by PPS to establish an Aquatic Reserve for the Protection Island area. We look forward to working with the DNR and PPS during the SEPA process and development of the Reserve management plan. In anticipation of our involvement we ask that an electronic copy of the full proposal be sent to Kelly Toy, Shellfish Program Manager, at [kttoy@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:kttoy@jamestowntribe.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Ron Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W." and last name "Allen" clearly visible.

W. Ron Allen  
Tribal Chairman/CEO